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For: **PROCESS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF 1,2-  
BENZISOXAZOLE-3-ACETIC  
ACID**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 2, 2006 (with the due date April 2, 2006 being Sunday), applicants elect with traverse to prosecute Group II, claims 20 and 22. Applicants request that claims 1-10 be rejoined with Group II because there would not be undue burden to examine claims 1-10 along with the examination of claims 20 and 22 because step (a) of claim 20 recites the process step of claim 1.

Please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.